REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA AND RECORD OF ACTION

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May 13, 2003

FROM: **EMIL A. MARZULLO**, Director

Special Districts Department

PETER R. HILLS, Fire Chief/Fire Warden

San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT TO ANNEX NEW MUSCOY FIRE STATION PROPERTY TO

THE CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO FOR SEWER SERVICE IN MUSCOY (CENTRAL VALLEY) SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE

DISTRICT

RECOMMENDATION: Acting as the governing body of Central Valley, San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District, authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign Agreement No. _____ to annex Parcel Nos. 0268-041-12 and 0268-041-13 into the City of San Bernardino so that sewer service can be provided to the property for the proposed new county fire station by connecting to a city owned sewer line in the unincorporated community of Muscoy.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On March 13, 2001, the County Fire Department, Central Valley Fire District received a private land donation (Parcel Nos. 0268-041-12&13) to construct a new fire station in the community of Muscoy. During initial project planning, it was identified that a City of San Bernardino sewer line was located on Macy Street that fronts the property. The Department contacted the City and was informed that the property was outside the city boundaries and therefore sewer services could not be provided.

The City procedure for connecting to their system includes an application and irrevocable sewer service agreement that is filed through the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). Once approved by LAFCO, the property is authorized to connect into the City sewer system when the appropriate fees are paid. A formal annexation proceeding will follow at a future date. The District will pay for all connection and annexation fees as required. As the governing body of the San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District (Central Valley), this agreement will need to be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors before it is submitted to the City for approval and annexation procedures by LAFCO.

The Fire Department has determined that it will be more cost/effective to connect to the San Bernardino City sewer system through a property annexation, in lieu of the design and construction of a septic system for the new fire station. Costs associated with the sewer annexation are estimated at \$1,250 for application fees and a monthly sewer service charge of \$14.60.

Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors

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REVIEW BY OTHERS: This action has been reviewed by County Counsel (L. Thomas Krahelski) on April 18, 2003 and coordinated with the County Administrative Office (Wayne Thies, Administrative Analyst) on April 29, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This action to annex the fire station to the City of San Bernardino will cost approximately \$1,250 in one-time costs. The Central Valley Fire District has sufficient funds in the fiscal year 2002/2003 Capital Improvement Projects budget account (CLH-580). The District will pay the monthly sewer service charge (once service is established) and will budget annually from their operating account (SQY-580).

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and concurs with the department's request and recommends this action based on the health, welfare and safety of the public and firefighters that will be frequenting the Muscoy fire station. The expenditure for this annexation will be funded from the District's Capital Improvement Projects budget and is offset by the savings realized in not having to construct a septic sewer disposal system. This action poses no impact to the County's General Fund.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: Fifth

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